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NLRB REPORTS ON CASE PRODUCTION IN FY 2007

The National Labor Relations Board issued 391 decisions during fiscal year 2007, which ended September 30. Of this total, 287 were unfair labor practice (C) cases, and 104 were representation (R) cases. In the previous fiscal year, the Board issued 477 decisions (324 C, 153 R).

The Board also reduced the inventory of pending cases for the fifth year in a row (from 305 at the beginning of the fiscal year to 207 at the end).

In FY 2007 the Board adopted a new case processing initiative that focused on resolving the oldest and most difficult pending cases. The Board's goal was to dispose of 90% of R cases pending as of October 1, 2006, and to dispose of 90% of C cases pending as of May 1, 2006.

The Board exceeded its case production goal for R cases and it came close to meeting its case production goal for C cases. As of September 30, 2007, the Board disposed of 58 of 59 targeted R cases (98.3%), and it disposed of 181 of 215 targeted C cases (84.2%).

In a statement, Chairman Robert J. Battista remarked:

While overall case production declined, we made tremendous progress getting out some of our oldest and most difficult cases as the result of a determined effort by all Board-side offices. The case backlog is the lowest in at least 30 years. The Board is indebted to its hardworking and dedicated staffs for the progress we have made.

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